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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 32ND UNGA - MEETING OF CORE GROUP  
MAY 11: REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND NORTH KOREAN  
EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SUPPORT AMONG NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER COUNTRIES

REF: USUN 1496

1. SUMMARY: AT CORE GROUP MEETING MAY 11 (REFTEL) ROK  
OUTLINED SUBSTANTIAL EFFORTS THIS YEAR OF ROK AND DPRK  
TO MAINTAIN AND PROMOTE RELATIONS WITH THE NON-ALIGNED  
AND OTHERS. BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN MOST ACTIVE, WITH ROK  
EVIDENTLY IN CONSIDERABLY BETTER POSITION TO DELIVER  
ASSISTANCE. THESE VIGOROUS EFFORTS BY THE ROK TO GET  
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SUPPORT FROM DEVELOPING NATIONS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
GOAL OF AGAIN BYPASSING CONFRONTATION AND STERILE DEBATE ON KOREA  
AT THE FORTHCOMING UNGA. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ADDITION TO CORE GROUP PRESENTATION, ROK OBSERVER OFFICE HAS  
SINCE REVIEWED FURTHER WITH US 1977 ROK AND DPRK EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN  
AND PROMOTE SUPPORT FROM NON-ALIGNED AND OTHERS. A SUMMARY OF

ROK OBSERVER OFFICE COMMENTS AT CORE GROUP MEETING SUBSEQUENTLY IS OUTLINED BELOW.

3. VISITS IN 1977 BY ROK REPRESENTATIVES -

A. FOREIGN MINISTER PARK: PAPUA NEW GUINEA, NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, MEXICO, US;

B. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER II KWON CHUNG: GABON, KENYA, LESOTHO, TUNISIA;

C. FORMER PRIME MINISTER JONG PIL KIM: ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, MEXICO, IVORY COAST, SENEGAL, ZAIRE, MOROCCO;

D. PRIME MINISTER CH'OE: IRAN, TURKEY, SAUDI ARABIA.

4. NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO WHICH ROK MADE DEMARCHES BEFORE NEW DELHI MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE (NACCFM) -

A. COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (12): JAMAICA, PERU, BOTSWANA, LIBERIA, NIGER, ZAIRE, SUDAN, AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, INDIA, INDONESIA, SRI LANKA. IN THIS CONNECTION, ROK EXERTED SPECIAL EFFORTS TOWARD NACCFM HOST INDIA AND NACC CHAIR COUNTRY SRI LANKA.

B. OTHER NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES (24): ARGENTINA, PANAMA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, CAMEROON, CAE, GABON, GAMBIA, CONFIDENTIAL

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IVORY COAST, KENYA, LESOTHO, MAURITANIA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, BAHRAIN, JORDAN, MOROCCO, OMAN, QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA, TUNISIA, BURMA, MALAYSIA, MALDIVES, SINGAPORE.

C. ROK OBSERVER OFFICE STATES THAT TONE OF RESPONSES FROM THESE COUNTRIES WAS "ENCOURAGING".

5. ROK ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS - ROK STRESSED IT HAS INITIATED SPECIFIC AND COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WITH SOME 17 COUNTRIES. MOST OF THESE PROGRAMS WERE ENDORSED RECENTLY BY ROK PARLIAMENT. HOWEVER, THE \$100 THOUSAND EQUIPMENT GRANT TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA WAS PRESENTED WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER PARK VISITED PORT MORESBY EARLIER IN YEAR. PLANS FOR AID TO ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES ARE IN FORMULATION. LISTING OF COUNTRIES RECENTLY APPROVED FOR EQUIPMENT GRANTS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS TO PROMOTE EXCHANGES ON POLITICAL AND COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS FOLLOWS:

A. EQUIPMENT GRANTS: CHAD, EGYPT, GAMBIA,  
LIBERIA, NIGER, SENEGAL, SUDAN, UPPER VOLTA, AND ZAIRE;

B. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: CAMEROON, EGYPT,  
GHANA, SIERRA LEONE, AND SUDAN;

C. HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS TO PROMOTE EXCHANGES ON  
POLITICAL AND COMMERICAL SUBJECTS: BOTSWANA, EGYPT,  
GHANA, MAURITANIA, NIGERIA, SUDAN, TANZANIA, AND ZAMBIA.

6. RECENT VISITS TO ROK:

A. SURINAM'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN  
HEIDWEILLER IS VISITING ROK;

B. SUDAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER DENG VISITED ROK  
TO SIGN ACCORD ESTABLISHING ROK-SUDAN DIPLOMATIC  
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RELATIONS.

7. ROK RECORDED VISITS BY HIGH-LEVEL NORTH KOREAN  
DELEGATIONS TO BANGLADESH, BURMA, CAE COLOMBIA, ECUDADOR,  
GABON, GUINEA, GUYANA, IRAQ, KUWAIT, LESOTHO,  
NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, SENEGAL, SYRIA, SUDAN,  
TANZANIA, TOGO, TUNISIA, AND UGANDA. AMONG SENIOR DPRK  
TRAVELERS HAVE BEEN PREMIER PAK SONG-CH'OL, DEPUTY  
PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER HO TAM, DEPT. PREMIER  
CHANG SUN LEE, AND PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE  
JUN KEE CHUNG.

8. A. ROK ASSESSED DPRK'S ESTABLISHMENT OF  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CAE, INSTALLATION OF AN  
AMB AT GEORGETOWN, AND PERSUASION OF GABON'S PRESIDENT  
BONGO TO VISIT PYONGYANG TO BE DPRK'S PRINCIPAL  
SUCCESSSES. ADDITIONALLY, WIFE OF GUINEA DISSAU'S PRESIDENT  
HAS VISITED DPRK.

B. ROK COMMENTED ALSO THAT, WHILE DPRK HAS  
BEEN WOOING LESOTHO HARD, LESOTHO WANT ECONOMIC  
ASSISTANCE FROM DPRK BEFORE ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS. DPRK ON OTHER HAND WANTS, DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS FIRST.  
ACCORDING ROK, LESOTHO'S UN PERMREP MOLAPO  
WILL VISIT ROK IN JUNE.

C. ROK CONTINUED THAT SURINAM  
HAS REJECTED DPRK ATTEMPTS TO HAVE DPRK AMB TO CUBA  
VISIT SURINAM.

D. ROK OBSERVER OFFICE UNDERSTANDS THAT

VISIT TO KUWAIT OF KIM II SONG'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE  
WAS TO SOLICIT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BUT NONE WAS  
PROMISED.

9. COMMENT: ROK ADHERING TO DOCTRINE THAT GOOD  
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OFFENSE CAN BE BEST DEFENSE. VIGOROUS ROK EFFORTS  
TO MAINTAIN AND PROMOTE SUPPORT FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES  
SHOULD HELP DISCOURAGE DPRK AND ITS SUPPORTERS FROM  
PROVOKING CONFRONTATION AT FORTHCOMING UNGA. HOWEVER,  
POSSIBLE LOSS BY ROK OF POSITIVE VOTING SUPPORT FROM  
GABON AND CAE REQUIRES CLOSE ATTENTION.

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